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UNHCR HAS FURNISHED FOLLOWING AIDE MEMOIRE ON

SUBJECT: QUOTE

SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO REPATRIANTS FROM MADAGASCAR TO THE
COMORO ISLANDS

1. AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE INTER-COMMUNAL CLASHES WHICH OCCURRED
IN MAJUNGA (MADAGASCAR) FROM 20-30 DECEMBER 1976 BETWEEN
COMORIAN NATIONALS AND MALGASIANS OF THE ANTISAKA TRIBE WHICH
RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF AN ESTIMATED 1,400 COMORIANS, 16,000
PERSONS WERE REPATRIATED TO GRANDE COMORE FROM WHERE SOME WILL BE
SENT TO THE OTHER ISLANDS. THE COST OF THIS OPERATION WAS
BORNE BY THE COMORIAN GOVERNMENT. SOME 44,000 COMORIANS STILL
LIVE IN OTHER PARTS OF MADAGASCAR AND IT IS FORESEEN THAT
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FURTHER GROUPS AND POSSIBLY THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY MAY ULTIMATELY
REPATRIATE.

2. THE COMORIAN GOVERNMENT HAS APPROACHED SEVERAL GOVERNMENTS
FOR ASSISTANCE TOWARDS RESETTLEMENT OF THE 16,000 RETURNEES.
ON 15 JANUARY 1977, IT ADDRESSED AN APPEAL TO THE UN FAMILY
THROUGH UNHCR AND THIS MESSAGE WAS TRANSMITTED TO THE UN

SECRETARY-GENERAL. A UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE WAS SENT ON MISSION TO MORONI FROM 12-20 JANUARY 1977 AND TOGETHER WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF UNDP, WFP, WHO AND ILO PRELIMINARY ROUGH ESTIMATES OF REQUIREMENTS WERE DRAWN UP IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMORIAN GOVERNMENT. THESE ESTIMATES WERE BASED ON AN EXPECTED 15,000 RETURNEES:

A. FOOD FOR 15,000 PERSONS FOR 6 MONTHS:

ITEM	TONS	DOLLARS PER TON	DOLLARS TOTAL
RICE	405	300	121,500
CORNMEAL	405	190	76,950
VEGETABLE OIL	81	900	72,900
CANNED FISH	81	1,600	129,600
SUGAR	54	600	32,400
GRAND TOTAL			433,350

WFP WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING STOCKS:

RICE - AVAILABLE IN STOCK

FISH - ALREADY SHIPPED AND DELIVERY EXPECTED

VEGETABLE OIL - SHIPPED AND EXPECTED IN MARCH

SUGAR - OBTAINABLE FROM MADAGASCAR BEGINNING MARCH

CORNMEAL - WOULD NEED TO BE ORDERED, BUT COULD EVENTUALLY BE SUBSTITUTED BY AN ADDITIONAL RICE INPUT.

B. CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

PURCHASE OF 100 PRESSES FOR FABRICATION OF BRICKS FROM LOCAL VOLCANIC LAVA (CONSTRUCTION OF 3,000 HOUSING UNITS) - US\$20,000

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8,000 TONS CEMENT PURCHASABLE AT \$40.50 PER TON F.O.B.B.

MOMBASA - US\$32,400

180,000 M2 CORRUGATED SHEETING - US\$300,000 #

GRAND TOTAL US\$352,400

THIS COST ESTIMATED BY OUR PROCUREMENT OFFICER MIGHT BE LOWER IF MATERIALS PROCURABLE LOCALLY.

C. INLAND TRANSPORTATION

6 LANDROVERS AT US\$2,000 EACH - US\$12,000

6 TWO-TON TRUCKS AT US\$16,000 EACH - US\$96,000

GRAND TOTAL US\$108,000

D. HEALTH

NEEDS, IN ADDITION TO THE ICRC MEDICAL EQUIPE ALREADY AT WORK IN MORONI, ARE BEING ASSESSED BY WHO AND ICRC.

3. IN RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNMENT'S APPEAL, UNHCR HAS CONTRIBUTED EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE OF US\$140,000 ON A "GOOD OFFICES" BASIS: US\$40,000 TO ICRC TO FINANCE ITS MEDICAL TEAM AND US\$100,000

TO THE COMORIAN GOVERNMENT TO COVER IMMEDIATE NEEDS FOR FOOD,
LOCAL TRANSPORT AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS. THE LATTER EMERGENCY
PROGRAMME WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE UNDP RESIDENT REP-
RESENTATIVE IN TANANARIVE WHO IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
COMORO ISLANDS. UNQUOTE.CATTO

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